

Kayla Standafer named Frankfort Employee of the Month for April 2019



Kayla Standafer, Procedures Development Specialist II in the Division of Child Care, has been selected Frankfort Central Office Employee of the Month for April!

Kayla's nominator wrote that "DCC benefits greatly from the leadership, work ethic and positive energy Kayla brings to her job every single day."

The nomination also describes how, as an administrative assistant, Kayla helped support DCC through several major initiatives, like the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge and the transition to the benefind portal. This fantastic work ethic helped her qualify for her new position, which was established last year.

In her new role, Kayla is tasked with coordinating the development of policy manuals for all of the sections of DCC, improving the user experience on the DCC website and assisting with DCC regulations.

"Kayla has only been in her new position for a few months and the amount she has accomplished is impressive," her nominator wrote.

Congratulations, Kayla!

Get to know Kayla a little better through these five questions.



Kayla Standafer in her Frankfort office, decorated with butterflies and her favorite color, pink!

Left: Kayla with the DCC "Team Boosters" jar of staff names. One person is selected each week to be celebrated.

What drew you to the work that you do?

In 2013, I graduated from Sullivan University with a degree in Early Childhood Education. I had ambitions to become a preschool teacher. However, life has a way of steering you in different directions. I found myself really enjoying working with families

versus just children. It brings me joy to know that the work we do in the cabinet has a ripple effect, we not only help the family unit, but generations to come.

When people ask what you do, how do you describe it?

I tell them I get to do what I love. In my current role, I write and edit all the internal procedure manuals. I also get the privilege to assist the legislative liaison in our Division with bill reviews. This year I have gotten to understand the legislative process, and how important it is that our voices in the cabinet are represented.

What are your favorite tasks related to your work?

Currently, I am tasked with assisting the Early Childhood Policy Advisor in creating more in depth trainings for our internal staff. I have enjoyed creating materials that I know will improve the impression families get from our Division.

What are your professional goals in your role?

My goals are to assist in creating internal trainings that will help staff feel more confident in their roles, finish all internal procedure manuals, and to learn more about the regulatory process.

What was your strangest day on the job?

I serve, as the safety monitor for our Division, so any time there is a drill, there always seems to be something strange that happens! Other safety monitors will know what I mean!

What is the best part of your job?

In our Division, I am part of a group called DCC Team Boosters. We work hard to make sure our Division is a place of inclusion, and we celebrate staff and their life events. My favorite activity we plan is 'person of the week.' Every month we draw a staff person's name from a jar, and that person gets to be celebrated all week long, not because it's their birthday, or they experienced a new life event, but just because they are here and a part of our Division. I really enjoy getting to tell a staff person their name was drawn, and to see their excitement.